What is claimed is:

1	1.	A method comprising:
2		receiving an alpha value, wherein the alpha value indicates how a
3	video signal	and a graphics signal are to be combined; and
4		adjusting a flicker filter based upon the alpha value.
1	2.	The method of claim 1, further comprising:
2		comparing the alpha value to a predetermined threshold value to
3	arrive at a re	esult; and
4		adjusting a filter level of the flicker filter in response to the result.
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1 /	3.	The method of claim 2, further comprising:
2		subtracting the alpha value from the threshold value to arrive at a
3	second resu	<u>t.</u>
1	4.	The method of claim 3, further comprising:
2		dividing the second result by an alpha step value to arrive at a third
3	result; and	
4		adjusting the filter level based on the third result.
1	5.	The method of claim 2, further comprising:
2		turning off the flicker filter when the predetermined threshold value
3	exceeds the	alpha value.

1	6. Th	The method of claim 2, further comprising:								
2	ad	justing the	filter	level	when	the	alpha	value	exceeds	the
3	predetermined t	hreshold val	ue.							
1	7. Th	e method of	claim	2, furt	her con	nprisi	ng:			
2	tur	ning off the	flicke	r filter	when t	he gr	aphics	image (displayed	with
3	the video image	is substanti	ally tra	inspare	ent.					
1	8. Th	e method of	claim	3, furt	her con	nprisi	ng:			
2	tur	ning off the	flicke	r filter	when t	he gr	aphics	image (displayed	with
3	the video image	has an alp	ha val	ue tha	it is bel	low t	he pre	determi	ned thres	shold
4	value.									
1	9. Th	e method of	claim	1, furt	her con	nprisi	ng:			
2	ev	aluating the	graphi	ics sigr	nal to p	roduc	e a thr	eshold	value;	
3	COI	mparing the	alpha	a value	e to the	e thr	eshold	value 1	to arrive	at a
4	result; and		,							
5	ad	justing a filte	er leve	l of the	e flicker	filter	in resp	onse t	o the resu	ılt.
1-	10. A:	system comp	rising			-				
2	a	controller_t	o -as so	ociate	an alp	ha v	alue v	vith a	signal to) be
3	displayed; and									
4	a	processor c	oupled	to th	ne cont	troller	for e	xecutin	g a soft	ware
5	program to adju	st a flicker f i	lter ba	ised up	on the	alpha	a value			

the result.

	1	11.	The system of claim 10, wherein the flicker filter operates at a
	2	plurality of l	evels.
		12	The greatern of claim 11 whorsin the coffusion program furthers
$\leq N$	\	12.	The system of claim 11, wherein the software program further:
$\mathcal{L}_{\mathcal{L}}$	/2		compares the alpha value to a predetermined threshold value to
(V)	3	produce a re	esult; and
,	4		adjusts one of the plurality of levels of the flicker filter based upon
	5	the result.	~
	1	13.	The system of claim 10, wherein the signal is a mixed video and
	2	graphics sig	nal.
Lind Mail II - Tim (F.1) of General Property of the Community of the Commu	1	14.	The system of claim 13, wherein the alpha value specifies how
	2	strongly the	graphics signal is to be displayed.
i må	1	15.	The system of claim 12, wherein the flicker filter is turned off when
	2	the predeter	mined threshold value exceeds the alpha value.
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-1 -1 \	1	16.	The system of claim 11, wherein the software program further:
<u> </u>	2	7	evaluates the signal to produce a threshold value;
°a4	13		compares the alpha value to the threshold value to produce a
/	4	result; and	
	5		adjusts one of the plurality of levels of the flicker filter based upon

1	17. An article comprising a medium storing instructions that, upon			
2	execution, enable a processor-based system to:			
3	receive an alpha value, wherein the alpha value indicates how a			
4	video signal and a graphics signal are to be combined; and			
5	adjust a flicker filter based upon the alpha value.			
3	18. The article of claim 17, further storing instructions that, upon			
2	execution, enable a processor-based system to:			
3	compare the alpha value to a predetermined threshold value to			
4	arrive at a result; and			
5	adjust a filter level of the flicker filter based on the result.			
1	19. The article of claim 18, further storing instructions that, upon			
2	execution, enable a processor-based system to subtract the alpha value from the			
3	threshold value to arrive at a second result.			
1	20. The article of claim 19, further storing instructions that, upon			
2	execution, enable a processor-based system to:			
3	divide the second result by an alpha step value to arrive at a third			
4	result; and			

adjust the filter level based on the third result.

1	21.	The article of claim 17, further storing instructions that, upon
2	execution, e	nable a processor-based system to:
3		turn off the flicker filter when the predetermined threshold value
4	exceeds the	alpha value.
1	22.	The article of claim 17, further storing instructions that, upon
.2	execution, e	pable a processor-based system to:
3		adjust the filter level when the alpha value exceeds the
4	- predetermin	ed threshold value.